

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were acted upon in the aforesaid Office Action. Claims 9 and 12 have been canceled and new claim 22 has been added, leaving claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 13-22 for consideration.

Referring first to claim 9, the claim has been objected to but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 9 depended from claim 1. Claim 9 is canceled herein and its matter placed in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is essentially old claim 9 in independent form. It therefore appears that claim 1 is now in allowable condition.

Claims 2-11 and 13-15 depend directly or ultimately from claim 1 and would therefore appear to be allowable, at least through dependency.

Claim 12 was objected to similarly to claim 9. Claim 12 has been canceled herein and its matter combined with the matter of claim 1 (from which claim 12 depended) in new claim 22. Thus, new claim 22 is a combination of old claims 1 and 12 and is accordingly believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 16 stands rejected as anticipated by Schulken. Claim 16 has been amended to include the matter of claim 9, which was deemed to contain allowable matter. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 16 is in order for allowance.

Claims 17-21 depend directly or ultimately from claim 16 and would therefore appear to be allowable, at least through dependency.

In summary, it is believed that claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 13-22 are in condition for allowance, which is most respectfully requested.

In the event that any additional fees may be required in this matter, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Respectfully submitted,



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